

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

LLOYD WHITE,

*Plaintiff,*

vs.

STERLING FOODS,

*Defendant.*

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SA-19-CV-00530-ESC

**ORDER SETTING INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

Before the Court is the above-styled and numbered cause of action, which was reassigned to the undersigned's docket after both parties consented to the jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge [#29]. The record reflects the parties filed their Rule 26(f) Report [#23] and proposed scheduling recommendations [#23-1] before reassignment.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this case is **set** for an **Initial Pretrial Conference** at **9:30 a.m.** on **March 4, 2020**, in Courtroom B on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the John H. Wood, Jr. United States Courthouse, 655 E. Cesar Chavez Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas, 78206.

At the conference, the Court will enter a Scheduling Order in this case and assign the parties a date for **bench** trial. Parties should be prepared to briefly address any pending motions, but given the time constraints of initial pretrial conferences, full oral arguments will not occur.

Counsel may appear by phone for the conference. Counsel should contact Valeria Sandoval, Courtroom Deputy, at [chestney\\_chambers@txwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:chestney_chambers@txwd.uscourts.gov), for call-in instructions **at least 24 hours in advance of the conference**. The use of speaker phones is prohibited during a telephonic appearance.

In light of the fact that Plaintiff is representing himself *pro se* in this action, the Court directs him to the following resources to assist him in prosecuting his case:

- The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, available at: [www.uscourts.gov/file/rules-civil-procedure](http://www.uscourts.gov/file/rules-civil-procedure)
- This Court's Local Rules, available at <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/court-information/lcr-civil-rules/>
- The "Complete Pro Se Manual" which is available on the Court's website at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/filing-without-an-attorney/>.

Plaintiff is directed to familiarize himself with these resources. Also, although *pro se* litigants are held to a less stringent standard, they are nevertheless required to follow the rules that govern all litigants in federal court. *Grant v. Cuellar*, 59 F.3d 524, 524 (5th Cir. 1995). These rules include but are not limited to the rules and Court orders regarding conference with opposing counsel, following deadlines imposed by the rules and the Court's Scheduling Order, observing the response times for non-dispositive and dispositive motions as set forth in Local Rule CV-7(e), and keeping the Court updated with a current address to ensure all filings are received.

SIGNED this 21st day of February, 2020.



ELIZABETH S. ("BETSY") CHESTNEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE